During 2004-05 too, Karnataka can draw grant as per the guidelines of Kutir Jyoti Programme for providing single point light connection to rural households Below Poverty Line (BPL).

Resettlement and rehabilitation of displaced persons of THD

†2159. SHRIHARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total amount earmarked and the expenditure incurred so far for facilities like construction of roads, schools, colleges, hospitals, etc., in areas affected by the Tehri Dam construction project and for the displacement of affected people;

(b) whether the State Government and local representatives have asked for some additional financial assistance for the displacement, rehabilitation and the development of the districts affected thereby; and

(c) if so, the details of the assistance asked for alongwith the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The resettlement and rehabilitation (R&R) works are being looked after by the Government of Uttaranchal (GoUA) with the funds being provided by Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC). An attractive and liberal rehabilitation package has been evolved, which has been improved from time to time. Rs. 983.14 crores have been provided for R&R works in the revised cost estimates of Tehri Hydro-Electric Project Stage-I (1000 MW) at March, 2003 Price Level. According to THDC, Rs. 982.59 crores (including Rs. 109 crores recoverable from various agencies) have been spent up to November, 2004. This expenditure includes Rs. 125 crores on roads/ bridges against the provision of Rs. 106. 05 crores, Rs. 15.28 crores on schools/colleges against the provisions Rs. 22.57 crores, Rs. 10.04 crores on hospitals against the provision of Rs. 11.86 crores and Rs. 77.96 crores on drinking water supply/sewerage scheme against the provision of Rs. 97.77 crores.

(b) and (c) In the joint reconciliation exercise completed between THDC and GoUA in April, 2004, the net additional requirement over and above the revised cost estimate provisions worked out was Rs. 57 crores, which was discussed on 07.06.2004 between the Ministry of Power and the GoUA. It was agreed to recommend an additional proposal of

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Rs. 18.5 crores on account of additional infrastructure like road/bridges and Rs. 3.5 crores on account of additional public facilities over and above the policy provisions of R&R. Since these demands are beyond the policy provisions of R&R, Ministry of Finance have recommended that the Government of Uttaranchal may undertake the balance works from the 12% free power to which the State will be entitled. The other demands namely Rs. 14 crores on account of increase in cost of properties of Project Affected Families and Rs. 5 crores deduction of compensation already paid to oustees but not deducted by the GoUA from the enhanced House Construction Allowance were not found tenable under the present policy provisions. The balance Rs. 10 crores on account of increase in cost of land and Rs. 6 crores on account of conversion of partially affected villages to fully affected villages could be met from the cost escalation provisions.

Villages visited by Chairmen of REC

†2160. SHRIMOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main purpose of establishing REC is the electrification of villages;

(b) whether any of previous five Chairmen of REC toured villages fpr the said purpose;

(c) if so, the number of villages in the various States alongwith number of these States toured by them;

(d) what was the report of the said tours; and

(e) the details of action taken on the said reports and results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (e) Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), a development financial institution promotes and finances rural electrification schemes in the country. The schemes are implemented by the borrowing State utilities/State Governments. REC has an established monitoring policy wherein the progress of projects is monitored by Corporation's project offices. The fund release is linked to the progress reports by them.

Chairman, REC, on his visits to the States reviews the overall progress of the projects financed by REC in the State. As many as 58 visits to different States were undertaken by the previous five Chairmen. These

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